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## STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND HOURS OF LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

31ST DECEMBER, 1957

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative  
at 31st December, 1957.)

### ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)	
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>					
	s. d.				
Cooper	343/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement.	
Cabinet Maker	330/-	"		Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award	
Chairmaker	330/-	"			
French Polisher	330/-	"			
Wood Carver	330/-	"			
Wood Machinist	330/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist		
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS.-</u>					
Box and Case Maker	295/-	"		Timber Workers (Comm'th) Award	
Labourer	269/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)		
Machinist -					
Boulds Carver	325/-	"	"A" Grade machinists. n.e.i. tradesmen or with 4 Years experience		
Moulding	325/-	"			
Planing	325/-	"			
Shaping	325/-	"			
Orderman	303/-	"			
Sawyer -					
Bank or Jig	330/-	"	Log bank sawyer		
Circular	322/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7 1/2"		
Tallyman	298/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber		
<u>ENGINEERING - METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>					
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>					
Boilermaker	330/-	40			
Helper	278/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more		
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience		
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>					
Electrical Mechanic	330/-	"		Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award	
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>					
Electrical Fitter	358/-	"	) Include 20/- power station allowance		
Instrument Maker	383/-	"			
Linesman	338/-	"			
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	338/-	"	"A" Grade		
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>					
Blacksmith	332/6	"	Tradesman		
Brassfinisher	330/-	"			
Coppersmith	332/6	"			

(a) Commonwealth refers to awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.  
State - refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>ENGINEERING Contd.</u>				
Fitter	330/-	40		
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3	
Patternmaker	352/6	"	months experience	
Shaper	330/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	
Stitcher	282/6	"	On double fires	
Turner	330/-	"		
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				
Coresmakers-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience	
Coresmakers-jobbing	330/-	"		
Dressers	302/6	"	) Shot and sand blast-not ) operating from outside a ) properly enclosed cabin	
Furnacemen	300/-	"	Cupola	Metal Trades
Moulders-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience	(Comm'th) Award
Moulders-jobbing	330/-	"		
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Cannister Maker	285/-	"	By hand	
Machinist	277/-	"	Power-not elsewhere specified	
Solderer	277/-	"		
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	330/-	"		
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	305/-	"		
<u>FOOD, DRINK, &amp; CLOTHING</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board
Bread Carter	335/6	"		(State)
Ovensman	362/6	"		Bread Carters
Single Hand	385/10	"		Board (State)
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS &amp; CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	313/-	40		
General Labourer	283/-	"		Biscuit Board
Mixer	313/-	"		(State)
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	305/-	"		The Liquor Trades
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	300/6	"		(Breweries) Award
Labourer	298/-	"		(Comm'th)
Malt Hand	303/-	"		Transport Workers
Towerman	305/-	"		(General) (Comm'th)
				The Liquor Trades
				(Breweries) Award
				(Comm'th)
				Liquor Trades
				(Malsters)
				(Comm'th)
				Liquor Trades
				(Breweries)
				Award (Comm'th)
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	298/-	"		
General Butcher	330/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display	The Meat Ind- ustry (Shops and Smallgoods Factories) Award - (Comm'th)

Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. Contd.</u>				
<u>BAKING</u> -				
Baker	330/-	40		
Assistant Baker	323/-	"		
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u> -				
Candy Maker (Grade 1)	320/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
Candy Maker	306/6	"		
<u>MEAT PRESERVING</u> -				
General Labourer	282/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'th)
Seller	287/-	"		
<u>MEAT PRESERVING</u> -				
Cook	341/-	"		
Quitting Hand	353/10	"		
Butcher	337/-	"		Meat Preservers Board (State)
Packer	337/-	"		
Seller	341/-	"		
<u>MILLING</u> -				
Miller (Shift)	380/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour	Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
Packman	318/-	"		
Penetration	322/6	"		
Smelterman	322/6	"		
Storeman (Head)	333/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Topman	322/6	"		
<u>PASTRYCOOKING</u> -				
Packer	281/-	"		Pastrycooks Board (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Clicker	312/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric soles or splits)	Footwear Manufactur- ing Industry Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	353/-	"		
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	331/-	"		Clothing Trade Award (Comm'th)
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
Trimmer	315/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(woollen mills) -				
Carder	290/-	"	Balling up card operator	
Dyehouseman	290/-	"		
Labourer (General)	261/-	"		Textile Industry (woollen and Worst section) Award- (Comm'th)
Scourer (Wool)	299/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bolls	
Spinner	290/-	"		
Loom Turner	328/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 yrs. experience	
Warper (Plain)	293/-	"		
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	330/-	"		Graphic Arts Award (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	330/-	"		
Paper Ruler	330/-	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	480/6	38		Printing Industry
Night work	515/6	38		Employees U. A. Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>Machinist</u>				
Day Work	436/6	40		Victorian Printers
Night Work	471/6	38		Operatives Union
Publisher - Day Work	359/9	40		Agreement (Unregistered)
Reader - Night Work	394/9	38		
Day Work	430/-	40		Printing Industry
Night Work	471/-	38		Employees Union Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>Stereotype -</u>				
Day Work	432/-	39		Victorian Printers
Night Work	467/-	38		Operative Union Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>PRINTING (JOB PRINTING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	352/6	40		
Linotype Operator	352/6	"		The Graphic Arts
Machinist	330/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	Award (Comm'th)
Reader	337/6	"		
Stereotyper	330/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICK-MAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		
Plumber	334/6	"	Other Facemen (other bricks)	
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman Kilns	Brick Trade Wages Board (State)
Trucker	308/-	"		
Setter	326/-	"		
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodysmaker, 1st Class	330/-	"		
Labourer	258/-	"		
Painter	322/6	"		Vehicle Industry Award Comm'th)
Spring fitter	330/-	"		
Trimmer	322/6	"		
Wheelwright	330/-	"		
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY-</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	40		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award C'wth Plumbers Board (State)
Gasfitter	347/6	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award (Comm'th)
Labourer	278/-	"		Gas Meter Board (State)
Meter Tester	313/-	"		
Service Layer	305/6	"		
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.)
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	Award (Comm'th)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/6	"	Melter and setter	
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	Jewellers Board (State)
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK -</u>				
Canvas Worker	307/-	"		Saddlery, Leather and Canvas Workers Award (Comm'th)
Leather Worker	307/-	"		
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	308/6	"		
Labourer	278/6	"		
Line jobber	306/6	"		
Lackinist-				
Shaving	316/-	"		Tanning Industry
Splitting	333/6	"		Award (Comm'th)
Unhairing	308/6	"		
Tableman	309/6	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer	395/7	40	All other bricklayers	Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	411/2	"		Carpenters Board (State)
Carpenter	399/9	"		Stonemasons (S.L. & Vio.) Award (Comm'th)
Mason (Stone)	337/-	"		Painters Board (State)
Painter	376/8	"		Plasterers Board (State)
Paperhanger	373/6	"		Plumbers Board (State)
Signwriter	373/6	"		
Plasterer (Surface)	395/7	"		
Plumber	406/5	"		
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	339/9	"	} Builders Labourers - Ordinary	} Builders Labourers Board (State)
Carpenter's	339/9	"		
Concrete Worker	339/9	"		
Earth Excavator	339/9	"		
General Worker	361/5	"	} Builders Labourers - Skilled	}
Scaffold Hand	361/5	"		
<u>RAILWAY &amp; TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
Steam Diesel electric or electric	398/-	Ø	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	339/6	Ø	Driver (shunting) - After 1st Year	Locomotive Engine Men's Award (Comm'th)
<u>Fireman</u>				
Ordinary	315/6	Ø	Fireman - After 1st year	
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	296/6	Ø	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd Year	
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	356/-	Ø		
2nd Class	341/-	Ø	5th year of service	Railway Traffic.
<u>Porter -</u>				
	300/6	Ø	Parcels Assistant Class 1-2nd Year of service	Parcels Assistant Way and Shunting Wages Award (Comm'th)
<u>Shunter -</u>				
Loading	359/6	+	Loading, Class 1-2nd year of service	
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
<u>Signaller -</u>				
1st Class	353/-	+		
2nd Class	336/-	Ø		
3rd Class	323/-	Ø		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
<u>Conductor -</u>				
1st year	286/-	40		
2nd year	300/6	"		
Thereafter	300/6	"		
Labourer	281/-	"		
Track Repairer	289/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Pitman	312/-	"		
				Tramway Employees Melbourne Award - (Comm'th)

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

Ø 80 hours per fortnight. + 76 hours per fortnight.



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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	278/6	40		) Transport Workers (General) Award - (Comm'th)
2 Horses	291/-	"		
Stable Hand	273/-	"		
Motor Lorries & Waggon -				
3 tons	300/6	"		
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	310/-	"		
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/2	"		Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	295/-	40		) Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award (Comm'th)
Billiard Marker	275/-	"		
Cook	370/-	"	1st cook, 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	
Handyman	275/-	"		
Kitchenman	275/-	"		
Porter	275/-	"		
Waiter	275/-	"		
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"		Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	318/-	40	With Condenser	) Engine Drivers and Firemen (General) Award (Comm'th)
2nd Class	307/6	"		
Fireman				
1st Class	300/-	"		
2nd Class	287/6	"		
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>				
Labourer	290/6	"		) Municipal Employees Melbourne City Council Agreement (Comm'th)
Street Sweeper	296/-	"	Cleansing Labourer	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 1. Boot dealers (State) Shops Board No. 9 (Drapery and Mens Clothing) (State) Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State) Shops Board No. 15 (Grocers) (State) Shops Board No. 16 (Hardware) (State) Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Men's Clothing) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"		
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"		
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"		
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"		
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	306/6	"		) Storeman, Packers and Sorters Board (State)
Storeman (General)	306/6	"		

## ADULT FEMALES

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Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
	s. d.			
			<u>FOOD</u>	
Biscuit Making	217/-	40		Biscuit Board (State)
Confectionery	212/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
			<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>	
Bootmaking	214/-	"		Footwear Manufacturing Board - (Comm'th)
Dressmaking, Ready Made-Cut	233/-	"		
Millinery Cutter	233/-	"		
Shirt Making Cutter	233/-	"		
Underclothing "	233/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) - COMM'TH -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machineist)	233/-	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	218/6	"		
Tailor	254/-	"		
Adult Female	198/-	"		Clothing Trades Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) - STATE -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machineist)	221/6	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	215/6	"		
Adult Female	198/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN</u>				
<u>SPINNING</u>				
Comb Minder	212/-	"	After 6 months experience	
Downer and Mender	217/-	"	"	Textile Industry
Warper, Plain	214/-	"	"	(Woollen & Worsted.
Weaver (loom)	217/-	"	"	Association) Award.
Gillbox Minder	210/-	"	"	(Comm'th)
Other Adult	196/-	"	"	
			<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>	
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	215/-	"		
Sewer	215/-	"		
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	213/-	"	When boxes covered with paper	Graphic Arts Award (Comm'th)
Other	203/6	"		
<u>KNITTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	215/-	"		
			<u>ACCOMMODATION AND SHOPS</u>	
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	295/-	40		
Housemaid	208/-	"		
Laundress	209/-	"		
Waitress - Head	215/-	"		
Other	208/-	"		Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award (Comm'th)
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	208/6	"		
Waitress	208/6	"		Hotel and Restaurant Board (State)
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	239/6	"		
Clerical Assistants	239/6	"		Commercial Clerks Board (State)
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	222/-	"		Shops Board No. 1. (Boot Dealers)
Drapery Saleswoman	222/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers & Men's Clothing) (State)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
SHC Confectionery Salesman	216/-	40		Shops Board No. 12 (Confectionery etc.) (State)
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No. 21 (Booksellers and Newsagents)(State)

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